

Abstract

The invention relates to an applicator for an electrosurgical instrument, alternatively for argon-plasma coagulation as well as for cutting, also argon-supported, and comprises a gas and a high frequency current terminal, a cutting electrode attached to a gas and high frequency current supply pipe, an insulating cap for detachably fastening the applicator on a handle of the instrument and an insulating casing tube displaceable relative to the common longitudinal axis of the applicator for exposing or covering the cutting electrode, with the casing tube surrounding the gas and high frequency current supply pipe over a longitudinal section, and a collar or an external right-angle bend at the distal end of the casing tube. According to the invention at least one radially surrounding gas-sealing inhibiting device is arranged between the inside of the casing tube and the outside of the gas and high frequency current supply pipe, wherein the inhibiting device allows that the respective position be frictionally fixed at any location of the path of displacement of the casing tube.